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TO AMEMBASSY MANAMA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR STATUS

REFS.: MANAMA 737, 738, AND 781

1. WE HAVE UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW MATTER OF YOUR RESPONSE TO FONMIN'S APPROACH TO YOU ON MIDEASTFOR. WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO RESPOND IN SUBSTANCE AND WISH YOU TO KEEP MATTER OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER'S RETURN FROM JIDDA CONFERENCE.

2. AT YOUR JULY 9 MEETING, YOU SHOULD INFORM SHAIKH MOHAMMAD THAT WE HAVE HIS LATEST MESSAGE TO YOU UNDER INTENSIVE STUDY HERE. IT IS OUR VERY FIRM INTENTION TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PROMOTES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS

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BETWEEN US WHICH BOTH OF US VALUE HIGHLY. YOU SHOULD ADD

THAT YOU HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTER IN FURTHER
DETAIL WITH HIM FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM ISLAMIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING IN JIDDA. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD SAY IT
IS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT, SHOULD SUBJECT ARISE IN HIS
CONVERSATIONS IN JIDDA, HE WILL AVOID IRREVOCABLE
COMMITMENTS REGARDING SPECIFIC FUTURE OF MIDEASTFOR.

3. BEGIN FYI: WE SEE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR SUGGESTION
THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES BE DATED MARCH 31 (MANAMA 781).
FOR EXAMPLE, CASE ACT REQUIRES TRANSMITTAL WITHIN 60 DAYS
OF CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT. WE ARE PRESENTLY INCLINED
TO BELIEVE MATTER COULD BE HANDLED IF GOB FOLLOWS A
LETTER OF REASSURANCES FROM YOU WITH UNILATERAL LETTER
(MUTUALLY AGREED TO) REGARDING EVENTUAL TERMINATION OF
MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE, SHOULD RPT SHOULD THAT COURSE BE
AGREED UPON. END FYI. KISSINGER

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